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SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS ON "LIST OF CURRENTLY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO HANFORD OPERATIONS AND OF POTENTIAL USE IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT JANUARY 1, 1973 - JUNE 20, 1994"

- References: (1) PNL document PNWD-2028 HEDR, Documents Containing Operations Data for Hanford Separations Processes, 1944-1972.
- (2) PNL document PNWD-2129 HEDR, List of Currently Classified Documents Relative to Hanford Production Facilities Operations Originated on the Hanford Site Between 1961 and 1972.
- (3) PNL document PNWD-2161 HEDR, Fuel-Element Failures in Hanford Single-Pass Reactors 1944-1971.

The enclosed subject report has been produced as part of the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CRCIA) Project. The CRCIA Project seeks to estimate the current risk from the Columbia River resulting from past and present Hanford activities.

In 1994, the titles of documents potentially applicable to the CRCIA Project were published in the "Data Compendium for the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (PNL-9785)" by Mr. P. W. Eslinger, Pacific Northwest Laboratory, et al. The Data Compendium contained the titles of a number of classified reports. Subsequent to the publication of the Data Compendium, a key word search was made in the Westinghouse Hanford Company Classified Document Control database for documents potentially of interest for the CRCIA Project. This report documents the results of that search and identifies currently classified documents that 1) are relative to Hanford operations, 2) may contain information relevant to a comprehensive study of the Columbia River, and 3) were generated between January 1, 1973, and June 20, 1994.

The above referenced reports identify approximately 18,000 classified documents originated at the Hanford Site from 1944 - 1972 relative to Hanford production facilities operations. Many of the documents have been declassified since the reports were published. With the addition of this fourth report, it is felt that a complete listing of classified documents, which may contain information of potential use to studies on the river, have been provided to the public. The four reports cover Hanford operations from start up of the facilities to the present.

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Releases to the Columbia River for the early years of the Hanford Site operations were studied in detail by the Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction Project using many documents that were then classified. Since enactment of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act in 1980, extensive environmental sampling has been performed on the Hanford Site and in the Columbia River. Because the CRCIA Project is interested in the current risk in the Columbia River in support of remedial decisions, the unclassified data taken since 1980 are expected to provide an adequate representation of environmental contamination as it currently exists.

The U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting input on declassification priorities now that these classified documents have been identified. Please contact Mr. Randy Brich with comments or suggestions by telephone on (509) 376-9031, by fax on (509) 373-0726, or you may write to me at the above address.

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